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Sir

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These dies were never anything more than a makeshift being imperfect from the first, and are fast becoming useless from wear, I therefore have engraved steel dies, which are as near as it is possible for one artist to copy the work of another facsimile of the original. I would like to call your attention to the execution of these dies, as the originals stand among the best examples of the medallic art, and I think these new dies will bear a critical comparison. There is a very interesting correspondence, showing original letters and the great interest felt in this medal at the time it was ordered by Congress, to be found on page 3 of Medallic History of the United States, which work is in your office.

I am very respectfully, Your obedient servant Chas. E. Barber Engraver

Hon. Daniel M. Fox Superintendent